



2025 ROLAND GARROS GIRLS' SINGLES SEMIFINAL NOTES Friday 6 June

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On court today...

- The first girls' singles semifinal, which will take place on Court 10, will see No. 1 seed Emerson Jones, of Australia, up against unseeded Austrian Lilli Tagger, with Jones aiming to reach a Grand Slam final for the 3rd time after runner-up finishes at both the Australian Open and Wimbledon in 2024. Should she win today, she will become the first player to reach 3 Grand Slam girls' singles finals since Laura Robson in 2008-10, and the first to do so on 3 different surfaces since Maria Emilia Salerni in 2000. For Tagger, who defeated 2025 women's singles semifinalist Lois Boisson to win her first professional title earlier this year, a victory today would make her the first Austrian player to reach the girls' singles final at Roland Garros, and the first Austrian to reach a Grand Slam girls' singles final since Tamira Paszek at the 2006 US Open.
- The 2nd semifinal follows on Court 10, and will see Great Britain's Hannah Klugman against Bulgaria's Rositsa Dencheva, with both players having broken through to a Grand Slam semifinal for the first time. Klugman is aiming to match the achievement of her compatriot Mika Stojanovic, who won her first Grand Slam girls' singles title at the US Open last year – should she do so, she will become the first British player to reach the girls' singles final in Paris since Michelle Tyler in 1976. Dencheva, who is one of 2 Bulgarian players in the junior semifinals here alongside Ivan Ivanov, will look to become the 5th Bulgarian player to reach a junior singles final at Roland Garros. She aims to follow in the footsteps of the Maleeva sisters – Manuela (1982 champion), Katerina (1984 runner-up) and Magdalena (1990 champion) – as well as 2004 winner Sesil Karatantcheva.

NO. 1 EMERSON JONES (AUS) v LILLI TAGGER (AUT)

Head-to-head: Jones leads 2-0

2024	J500 Milan (ITA)	Clay (O)	R32	Jones	64 60
2025	Australian Open	Hard (O)	QF	Jones	46 62 62

A 3rd meeting for Jones and Tagger, their 2nd on clay and their 2nd at a Grand Slam. Jones won their only previous clay court meeting, at J500 Milan last year, in straight sets. She came from a set down to win their only previous Grand Slam meeting, at the Australian Open this year.

Road to the semifinals

JONES	Time		Time	TAGGER
d. (Q) Capucine Jauffret 61 16 62	1:47	1st round	1:33	d. No. 3 Jeline Vandromme 64 64
d. Vendula Valdmannova 61 26 64	1:46	2nd round	1:33	d. Giulia Safina Popa 75 63
d. No. 13 Charo Esquivia Banuls 75 63	1:24	3rd round	1:12	d. Nellie Taraba Wallberg 62 63
d. No. 9 Julieta Pareja 75 64	1:32	Quarterfinals	1:21	d. No. 12 Julia Stusek 60 64
total time on court	6:29	(Infosys time)	5:39	total time on court

Possible final head-to-heads

	Klugman	Dencheva
Jones	0-1	0-1
Tagger	0-0*	0-0

*never played at junior-level; Tagger won their only previous meeting at professional-level

JONES	v	TAGGER
16	Age	17
2	ITF Junior Ranking	47
206	WTA Ranking	508
25-9	Grand Slam Record (Junior)	7-3
6-2	Roland Garros Record (Junior)	4-0
119-42	Career Record (Junior)	91-42
8-1	2025 Record (Junior)	21-3

- **JONES** is bidding to reach her 3rd Grand Slam girls' singles final. She finished runner-up in girls' singles at both the Australian Open and Wimbledon in 2024, falling to Renata Jamrichova in the final at both events.
- Jones is bidding to become the **first player to reach 3 Grand Slam girls' singles finals since Laura Robson in 2008-10**. Robson won the girls' singles title at 2008 Wimbledon and finished runner-up in the girls' singles at the Australian Open in both 2009 and 2010.
- Jones is bidding to become the **first player to reach 3 Grand Slam girls' singles finals on 3 different surfaces since Maria Emilia Salerni in 2000**. Salerni finished runner-up in the girls' singles at 2000 Roland Garros before winning the girls' singles title at both Wimbledon and the US Open that year.
- Jones is bidding to become the **first Australian player to reach the Roland Garros girls' singles final since 1998**, when Jelena Dokic finished runner-up in the girls' singles here. By reaching the semifinals, she has become the first Australian player to reach the Roland Garros girls' singles semifinals since Dokic in 1998. [NB 2009 girls' singles runner-up Daria Saville and 2014 girls' singles champion Daria Kasatkina now represent Australia but both represented Russia when reaching the girls' singles final here]
- Jones is bidding to become the **first Australian player to reach a Roland Garros junior singles final since 2017**, when Alexei Popyrin won the boys' singles title here. By reaching the semifinals, she has become the first Australian player to reach a Roland Garros junior singles semifinal since Popyrin in 2017.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Jones has recorded her **best Roland Garros result**. She reached the 3rd round on her debut here in 2023 (I. Alina Korneeva) but fell in the 1st round here last year (I. Daria Shadchneva). She is making her 10th Grand Slam girls' singles appearance overall.

- Jones is contesting her **2nd junior event of 2025**. Her only other appearance at junior-level this season came at the Australian Open, where she reached the semifinals (l. Wakana Sonobe).
- Jones has **won 2 professional titles** – as a wild card at W75 Sydney (AUS) (d. Taylah Preston) in November 2024 and as a direct acceptance at W35 Fukuoka (JPN) (d. Himeno Sakatsume) in May 2025.
- Jones' **other highlights at professional-level in 2025** are reaching the semifinals at W75 Brisbane (AUS) (l. Priscilla Hon), W50 Kyoto (JPN) (l. Sara Saito) and W100 Gifu (JPN) (l. Zhang Shuai).
- Jones **made her WTA Tour debut** as a wild card at 2025 Adelaide, where she reached the 2nd round. She defeated Wang Xinyu in the 1st round for her first Tour-level match-win before falling to Kasatkina. She also competed as a wild card in the women's singles draw at the 2025 Australian Open, falling to Elena Rybakina in the 1st round.
- Jones became **junior world No. 1** in September last year, becoming the first Australian player to reach the girls' No. 1 ranking since Dokic in 1998. She plays here at No. 2. She is also currently ranked at a career-high WTA ranking of No. 206.
- Jones entered the **girls' doubles here** alongside Hannah Klugman. As No. 1 seeds, the pair fell to Eva Bennemann/Sonja Zhenikova in the 1st round.
- **TAGGER** is bidding to reach her first Grand Slam girls' singles final and become the first Austrian player to reach the girls' singles final at Roland Garros.
- Tagger is bidding to become the **3rd Austrian player to reach a Roland Garros junior singles final** – after Thomas Muster (1985 boys' singles runner-up) and Dominic Thiem (2011 boys' singles runner-up).
- Tagger is also bidding to become the **9th Austrian player to reach a Grand Slam junior singles final** – after Doris Schuster (1959 Wimbledon girls' singles runner-up), Ernst Blanke (1961 Wimbledon boys' singles runner-up), Muster (1985 Roland Garros boys' singles runner-up), Barbara Schett (1994 Australian Open girls' singles runner-up), Markus Hipfl (1996 US Open boys' singles runner-up), Jurgen Melzer (1999 Wimbledon boys' singles champion), Tamira Paszek (2005 Wimbledon and 2006 US Open girls' singles runner-up), and Thiem (2011 Roland Garros boys' singles runner-up).
- By reaching the semifinals here, Tagger has become the **first Austrian player to reach the girls' singles semifinals at Roland Garros since 1996**, when Barbara Schwartz fell to Amelie Mauresmo in the semifinals here. She is the 2nd Austrian player to reach a junior singles semifinal here in consecutive years – after Joel Schwaerzler, who reached the boys' singles semifinals here in 2024.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Tagger has become the **first Austrian player to reach the girls' singles semifinals at a Grand Slam since the 2006 US Open**, where Paszek finished runner-up.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Tagger has recorded her **best Grand Slam result**. Her previous best result at the Grand Slams was reaching the quarterfinals at the Australian Open this year (l. Jones).
- Tagger is making her **junior Roland Garros debut this year**. She is contesting her 4th junior Grand Slam event overall. In addition to her quarterfinal finish at the Australian Open this year, she also fell in the 1st round as a qualifier at 2024 Wimbledon (l. Tyra Caterina Grant) and as a direct acceptance at the 2024 US Open (l. Mingge Xu).
- Tagger's **best junior-level results in 2025** are winning 2 titles on clay – at J300 Plovdiv (BUL) (d. Ekaterina Tupitsyna) and J200 Valencia (ESP) (d. Amelie Justine Hejtmanek). She also reached the quarterfinals at J500 Milan (ITA) (l. Julieta Pareja).
- Tagger **won her first professional title in March this year** – as a qualifier at W35 Terrassa (ESP) (d. Lois Boisson). She also reached the semifinals at W35 Santa Margherita di Pula (ITA) (l. Dalila Spiteri) and competed as a wild card in qualifying at Miami-1000, falling to Sara Sorribes Tormo in the 1st round of qualifying.
- Tagger reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 17 in April this year and is currently ranked at No. 47. She reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 506 last month and is currently ranked at No. 508.

- Tagger entered the **girls doubles here** alongside Mia Pohankova. The pair face Eva Bennemann/Sonja Zhenikova in the semifinals later today.

NO. 8 HANNAH KLUGMAN (GBR) v ROSITSA DENCHEVA (BUL)

Head-to-head: Klugman leads 1-0

2022 J3 Loughborough (GBR) Hard (I) SF Klugman 62 63

A 2nd meeting for Klugman and Dencheva. Their only previous meeting came at Grade 3-level (now equivalent to J100-level tournaments) in 2022, with Klugman winning in straight sets.

Road to the semifinals

KLUGMAN	Time		Time	DENCHEVA
d. (Q) Lorena Solar Denoso 36 63 61	1:53	1st round	1:16	d. No. 2 Kristina Penickova 64 61
d. Ksenia Efremova 61 63	1:32	2nd round	1:25	d. (Q) Nauhany Vitoria Leme Da Silva 76(5) 62
d. No. 10 Alena Kovackova 60 75	1:13	3rd round	1:41	d. No. 16 Laima Vladson 75 64
d. (Q) Sarah Melany Fajmonova 36 63 75	2:17	Quarterfinals	1:12	d. Luna Maria Cinalli 60 75
total time on court	6:55	(Infosys time)	5:34	total time on court

Possible final head-to-heads

	Jones	Tagger
Klugman	1-0	0-0*
Dencheva	1-0	0-0

*never played at junior-level; Tagger won their only previous meeting at professional-level

KLUGMAN	v	DENCHEVA
16	Age	18
13	ITF Junior Ranking	44
572	WTA Ranking	439
17-9	Grand Slam Record (Junior)	15-9
6-2	Roland Garros Record (Junior)	5-2
116-35	Career Record (Junior)	126-50
19-3	2025 Record (Junior)	10-4

- **KLUGMAN** is bidding to reach her first Grand Slam girls' singles final and become the first British player (boy or girl) to reach a junior singles final at Roland Garros since 1976, when Michelle Tyler won the girls' singles title here.
- Klugman is bidding to become the **5th British player to reach a Grand Slam girls' singles final since 2000** – after Laura Robson (2008 Wimbledon champion, 2009-10 Australian Open runner-up), Heather Watson (2009 US Open champion), Katie Swan (2015 Australian Open runner-up) and Mika Stojsavljevic (2024 US Open champion).
- By reaching the semifinals here, Klugman has become the **first British player to reach the girls' singles semifinals at Roland Garros since 1982**, when Elizabeth Jones reached the semifinals here. She has also become the first British player to reach a junior singles semifinal here since 2005, when Andy Murray reached the boys' singles semifinals here.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Klugman has recorded her **best Grand Slam result**. Her previous best result at the Grand Slams was reaching the quarterfinals at the 2023 US Open (l. Laura Samson).
- Klugman is making her **3rd Roland Garros girls' singles appearance**. She has lost in the 2nd round on both of her previous appearances here – as a qualifier in 2023 (d. Amelie Smejkalova, l. Clervie Ngounoue) and as a direct acceptance in 2024 (d. Luna Maria Cinalli, l. Mia Pohankova).
- Klugman is making her **10th Grand Slam girls' singles appearance overall**. Elsewhere at the Grand Slams this year, she reached the 3rd round at the Australian Open (l. Jeline Vandromme)
- Klugman is contesting her **5th junior event of 2025**. Her best result at junior-level this season is winning the title at J300 Vrsar (CRO) (d. Luna Vujovic). She also reached the semifinals at both J300 Traralgon (AUS) (l. Ksenia Efremova) and J500 Milan (ITA) (l. Julieta Pareja).

- Klugman made her professional debut in 2023 and reached her **first semifinal at a professional-level event this year**, at W35 Terrassa (ESP) (I. Lilli Tagger). Her other professional highlights include reaching the final round of qualifying at 2024 Wimbledon – as a wild card in qualifying, she defeated Petra Marcinko and Linda Fruhvirtova before falling to Alycia Parks.
- Klugman reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 6 in March 2024 and plays here at No. 13. She reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 510 in October 2024 and is currently ranked at No. 572.
- Klugman entered the **girls' doubles here** alongside Emerson Jones. As No. 1 seeds, the pair fell to Eva Bennemann/Sonja Zhenikova in the 1st round.
- **DENCHEVA** is bidding to reach her first Grand Slam girls' singles final and become the 5th Bulgarian player to reach the girls' singles final at Roland Garros.
- Dencheva is bidding to become the **first Bulgarian player (boy or girl) to reach a Grand Slam junior singles final since 2008**, when Grigor Dimitrov won the boys' singles title at both Wimbledon and the US Open. (NB Ivan Ivanov is competing in the boys' singles semifinals here today)
- Dencheva and Ivanov are bidding to become the **6th and 7th Bulgarian players to reach a Grand Slam junior singles final** – and the first since Dimitrov at the 2008 US Open.

Bulgarian Grand Slam junior singles finalists

Player	Finals reached
Magdalena Maleeva	3 (1990 Australian Open champion, 1990 Roland Garros champion, 1990 US Open champion)
Grigor Dimitrov	2 (2008 Wimbledon champion, 2008 US Open champion)
Katerina Maleeva	2 (1984 Roland Garros runner-up, 1984 US Open champion)
Rositsa Dencheva??	1 (2025 Roland Garros??)
Ivan Ivanov??	1 (2025 Roland Garros??)
Sesil Karatantcheva	1 (2004 Roland Garros champion)
Manuela Maleeva	1 (1982 Roland Garros champion)

- By reaching the semifinals here, Dencheva and Ivanov have become the **first Bulgarian players to reach the junior singles semifinals at Roland Garros since 2004**, when Sesil Karatantcheva won the girls' singles title here. They are the first Bulgarian players to reach a Grand Slam junior singles semifinal since the 2024 Australian Open, when Iva Ivanova reached the girls' singles semifinals.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Dencheva has recorded her **best Grand Slam result**. Her previous best Grand Slam result was reaching the quarterfinals at 2024 Wimbledon (I. Renata Jamrichova).
- Dencheva is making her **3rd Roland Garros girls' singles appearance**. She reached the 2nd round here last year (d. Alana Subasic, I. Tyra Caterina Grant), but fell in the 1st round on her debut here in 2023 (I. Sonja Zhiyenbayeva).
- Dencheva is making her **10th Grand Slam girls' singles appearance overall**. Elsewhere at the Grand Slams this year, she fell in the 1st round at the Australian Open (I. Tahlia Kokkinis)
- Dencheva is contesting her **5th junior event of 2025**. Her best results at junior-level this season prior to Roland Garros were reaching the quarterfinals at J300 Santa Croce sull'Arno (ITA) (I. Mariia Makarova) and J500 Milan (ITA) (I. Luna Vujovic).
- Dencheva won her **first professional titles in 2025** – at 2 W15 events in Heraklion (GRE), defeating Alba Rey Garcia to win the first and Franziska Sziedat to win the 2nd.
- Dencheva **competed for Bulgaria in Billie Jean King Cup competition** at the 2025 Europe/Africa Group II event in April, winning one of the 2 singles matches she contested. She made her Billie Jean King Cup debut in 2022 and has a 2-3 win-loss record in the competition overall across singles and doubles.
- Dencheva reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 11 in October 2024 and plays here at No. 44. She reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 432 in April this year and is currently ranked at No. 439.

- Dencheva entered the **girls' doubles here** alongside Elizara Yaneva. The pair fell to Eva Bennemann/Sonja Zhenikova in the 2nd round.